(d) how many Maruti vehicles are produced per annum; what is the per vehicle profit earned by the company and how much it contributes by way of central excise and other taxes to the national exchequer every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) The first consignment of car kits from Suzuki Motor Co. arrived in India in August, 1983.

The first payment to Suzuki was made in the form of lump-sum in January, 1983.

(b) 68 vehicles have been imported in fully assembled condition mainly for display and testing purposes and not for sale. Some of these were sent to us as free of cost. CIF value incurred on these vehicles is about US $ 155,000.

(c) Average foreign exchange cost of components per vehicle this year is about $ 1,688. Maruti expects to reach 95% indigenisation of its cars in 1988-89.

(d) (i) Maruti produced 22,372 vehicles in 1984-85, 51,580 vehicles in 1985-86 and plans to produce 85,000 vehicles during the current year.

(ii) Per vehicle profit earned by Maruti was Rs. 402/- in 1984-85 and Rs. 582/- in 1985-86.

(iii) Contribution to the national exchequer during 1984-85 and 1985-86 on account of taxes is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

	1985-86 (Rs. crores)	1984-85 (Rs. crores)
Excise Duty	32·78	13·21
Sales Tax	24·38	11·51
Customs Duty	80·24	31·24
Income Tax	0·02	—
Total	137·42	55·96

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Industrial plans for North Eastern Region

2533. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have decided upon a set of industrial plans for the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Malpractices by dealers of Contessa Car

2534. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints about malpractices indulged in by dealers of the Contessa Cars manufactured by the Hindustan Motors in different parts of the country especially in Gwalior, forcing the customers to purchase the car with earlier engine and are not being given the cars with latest Japanese engine;

(b) whether Government propose to hold any enquiry in this regard and help the intending customers; and

(c) whether Government's permission was sought by Hindustan Motors for fitting the Contessa Cars with Japanese engine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (c) No such complaints have been received by the Government. The company has reported that